**Statement**

*Grant of permission for opening colleges in Maharashtra*

| SI. No. | Name of the College | University to which affiliated | Date of receipt in UGC Office |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rural Ayurved Medical College, Patur, Dist. Akola. | Amravati University | 1.7.96 |
| 2. | M.D. Palesha Commerce College, Dhule. | North Maharashtra University | 15.7.96 |
| 3. | M.U. College of Commerce, Pimpri. | Poona University. | 8.7.96 |
| 4. | K.R. Aher Arts, Science & Commerce College, Deola. | Poona University. | 15.7.96 |

**Vacancies in Higher Education Institutions**

1372. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teaching and administrative vacancies continue to be unfilled in many higher educational institutions, including Central Universities;

(b) whether Government or UGC have initiated any action on filling up those vacanices during the last five years; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Appointment to various teaching and non-teaching posts in higher educational in-stituion, including Central Universities, is made by the concerned institutions themselves in accordance with the provisions of their Acts/Statutes/Ordinances. Government or University Grants Commission (UGC) do not intercede in the internal affairs of these institutions which are autonomous organisations established by Acts of Parliament or those of States Legislatures.

**Marketing offices of HFC and Paradccp Phosphates Ltd.**

1373. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the marketing offices of HFC and Paradccp Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) are being operated from Delhi instead of Calcutta and Bhubneshwar, respectively, though the manufacturing units and the marketing areas are located in the eastern zone;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore, and

(c) whether Government are consider ing immediate shifting of these offices to Calcutta and Bhubneshwar, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA):

(a) to (c) The Office of the functional head of the Marketing Division of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) is located in the Company's Corporate Office at New Delhi. The Divisional Marketing Office of HFC, which caters to the marketing needs of the Company in the casterr region, is located at Calcutta.

The Regional Marketing Offices of Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) at Bhubneshwar, Patna and Calcutta handle the Company's marketing operations in the eastern region. Since about 80% of the Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) produced by PPL is marketed in the northern, western and southern States of the country, the Marketing Coordination Office of PPL has been located at New Delhi for effective control and coordination.

In addition to the sales functions, the Marketing Offices of HFC and PPL located at New Delhi interface with various agencies, including the Departments/ Ministeries of the Government, to ensure effective supply and distribution of fertilizers.

The marketing set-ups of the public sector undertaking in the fertilizer sector are structured in accordance with their marketing needs. There is no proposal to relocate the New Delhi based marketing office of HFC and PPL.

**भावनगर-अहमदाबाद और जूनागढ़-मेहसाना रेलवे लाइन का गेज परिवर्तन**

1374. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान भावनगर-अहमदाबाद और जूनागढ़-मेहसाना के बीच मीटर-गेज लाइन को ब्राॅड-गेज में बदलने का विचार रखती है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

रेल पंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) संसाधनों की तंगी।

**Schools for Meghalaya**

1375. SHRI ONWARD L. NONG-TDU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that three hundred and seven villages in Meghalaya are schoolless;

(b) whether Government propose to set-up lower primary schools in these villages during the current financial year;

(c) whether Government are proposing to initiate operation Block Board Scheme in Meghalaya; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The responsibility for opening of new primary school rests with the State Governments which decide the number of new schools to be opened on a year to year basis, depending upon the norms evolved for the pruposoe and resources available with them.

(c) and (d) The Operation Blackbaord Scheme is already being implemented in the State of Meghalaya. The achievement of the State under the Scheme include the following:-

(i) 3141 primary schools in the State have been provided teaching learning materials at a cost of 378.77 lakhs.

(ii) 1969 posts of additional teachers have been sanctioned for single teacher primary schools.

(iii) 733 upper primary schools have been sanctioned teaching learning equipment at a cost of Rs. 329.58 lakhs.